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| | I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR PRODUCING PROBE CARRIER, APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND METHOD FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE THEREFOR | | | | | |
| | the specification of which is attached hereto; or was filed on June 27, 2003 as United States Application No. or PCT | | | | | |
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